

## Claims

1 1. An apparatus comprising:  
2 at least one processor;  
3 a memory coupled to the at least one processor;  
4 a computer program residing in the memory, said computer program commencing  
5 to download a file referencing a plurality of components, said computer program  
6 dynamically prompting a user to select which of said plurality of components to  
7 download.

1 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said computer program comprises a web  
2 browser application.

1 3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said file comprises a hypertext markup language  
2 (HTML) document.

1 4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said computer program includes a component  
2 download selection mechanism, said component download selection mechanism  
3 dynamically creating a component download selection list when said file with said  
4 plurality of components is downloaded.

1 5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said computer program comprises a web  
2 browser and wherein said component download selection list is formed in a second pane  
3 of said web browser and displayed with said file.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said component download selection list is  
2 formed in a dialog box.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the component download list is inserted into  
2 said file and displayed to a user with said file.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said component download selection list contains  
2 the file name for each of said plurality of components.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said component download selection list contains  
2 the type for each said plurality of components.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said component download selection list contains  
2 the size of each said plurality of components.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said component download selection list includes  
2 a status item, said status item dynamically displaying the amount of each of said plurality  
3 of components that has been downloaded.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said status item includes the percentage of a  
2 component downloaded.

1 13. A method for downloading a document, the document including a document with  
2 references to a plurality of components, the method comprising the steps of:  
3 a) downloading said document,  
4 b) prompting a user to select which of said plurality of components to download;  
5 and  
6 c) downloading said selected components.

1 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the document comprises an HTML document.

1 15. The method of claim 13 wherein the step of prompting a user to select which of  
2 said plurality of components to download comprises displaying a component download  
3 selection list.

1 16. The method of claim 15 wherein said component download selection list  
2 comprises a dialog box.

1 17. The method of claim 15 wherein said component download selection list  
2 comprises is displayed in a pane in a web browser.

1 18. The method of claim 15 wherein said component download selection list is  
2 inserted into said document.

1 19. The method of claim 15 wherein said component download selection list  
2 comprises the file name for each of said plurality of components.

1 20. The method of claim 15 wherein said component download selection list  
2 comprises the type for each said plurality of components.

1 21. The method of claim 15 wherein said component download selection list  
2 comprises the size for each said plurality of components.

1 22. The method of claim 13 wherein said component download selection list  
2 comprises a status item, said status item dynamically displaying the amount of each of  
3 said plurality of components that has been downloaded.

1 23. The method of claim 22 wherein said status item includes the percentage of a  
2 component downloaded.

1 24. A program product comprising:  
2 (A) a computer program, said computer program commencing to download a file  
3 referencing a plurality of components, said computer program dynamically prompting a  
4 user to select which of said plurality of components to download; and  
5 (B) signal bearing media bearing said download selection mechanism.

1 25. The program product of claim 24 wherein said computer program includes a  
2 component download selection mechanism, said component download selection  
3 mechanism dynamically creating a component download selection list when said file with  
4 said plurality of components is downloaded.

1 26. The program product of claim 24 wherein the signal bearing media comprises  
2 recordable media.

1 27. The program product of claim 24 wherein the signal bearing media comprises  
2 transmission media.

1 28. The program product of claim 24 wherein said computer program comprises a web  
2 browser application.

1 29. The program product of claim 25 wherein said component download selection list  
2 is formed in a dialog box.

1 30. The program product of claim 25 wherein the component download list is inserted  
2 into said file and displayed to a user with said file.

1 31. The program product of claim 24 wherein said file comprises a hypertext markup  
2 language (HTML) document.

1 32. The program product of claim 25 wherein said component download selection list  
2 contains the file name for each of said plurality of components.

1 33. The program product of claim 25 wherein said component download selection list  
2 contains the type for each said plurality of components.

1 34. The program product of claim 25 wherein said component download selection list  
2 contains the size of each said plurality of components.

1 35. The program product of claim 25 wherein said component download selection list  
2 includes a status item, said status item dynamically displaying the amount of each of said  
3 plurality of components that has been downloaded.

1 36. An apparatus comprising:  
2 at least one processor;  
3 a memory coupled to the at least one processor; and  
4 a web browser application residing in the memory, said web browser application  
5 including a component download selection mechanism, said component download  
6 selection mechanism dynamically creating a component download selection list when an  
7 HTML document with a plurality of components is downloaded, said component  
8 download selection mechanism prompting a user to select which of said plurality of  
9 components to download.

1 37. A method for downloading an HTML document from a web server to a web  
2 browser, the document including a document with references to a plurality of embedded  
3 components, the method comprising the steps of:  
4 a) requesting said HTML document from said web server;  
5 b) parsing said HTML document for references to said plurality of embedded  
6 components;  
7 c) prompting a user to select which of said plurality of embedded components to  
8 download by displaying a component download selection list on said web browser; and  
9 d) requesting from said web server said selected embedded components.

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